

THE HERITAGE TRAIL

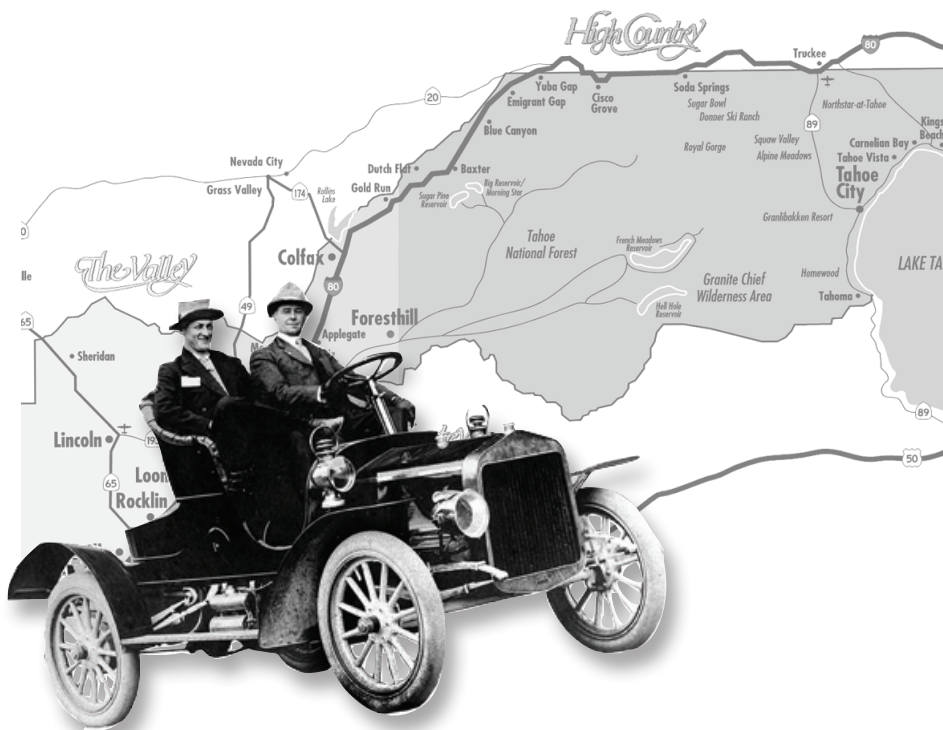
Placer County Museums Tour

TRAIL GUIDE


AUGUST 8&9, 2009

10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

18 MUSEUMS - ROSEVILLE TO TAHOE!



WELCOME TRAIL TRAVELER!

We are glad you decided to join us on the 2009 Heritage Trail Museums Tour. This year we have a picnic theme, **A-Tisket A-Tasket, Bring your Picnic Basket**. We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch and eat at one of several locations identified by an  in the museum description.

The 18 participating museums from Roseville to Tahoe are committed to showcasing history in a fun, entertaining way. The tour promises to be a family friendly event with many hands-on activities for all ages. This is a chance to take a trip back in time and get a better understanding of Placer County's rich and colorful history. You will learn more about the pivotal role our county played in important events such as the California Gold Rush, the construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad and the growth and impact of the granite industry, agriculture and tourism.

The museums are grouped in four clusters and are easy to reach from Interstate 80. Six Valley Museums are located in South Placer. Six Auburn Museums are located within one mile of the Historic Courthouse. Three Foothill Museums are located high up in the Sierra Nevada, and three Mountain Museums are located at the crest of the Sierra Nevada and Lake Tahoe. Museum Trail Travelers may want to visit one cluster on Saturday, a second on Sunday and the others at times of your own choosing.

Thanks again for joining us. We hope you have a great time.


Melanie Barton

Placer County Museums Administrator

Chairperson, The Heritage Trail

TRAIL TIPS

The following Trail Tips will help you plan your day.

- The museums with outdoor picnic sites are identified by an  in the museum description.
- For the most up to date information on The Heritage Trail, visit our blog at theheritagetrail.blogspot.com.
- You can begin at any of the 18 participating museums which are identified by red, white and blue trail signs.
- All directions are from Interstate 80 going west to east. Maps are included.
- For questions during the event, call any museum. A phone number is listed for each.
- Eating, drinking and smoking are not permitted in the museums.
- Restrooms are available at most museums.
- Leave pets at home.
- You'll want to bring your camera, just inquire at each museum for flash photography guidelines.
- Be sure to pick up your FREE Get Up & Go card and purchase drawing tickets.

Enjoy the Trail!

MUSEUMS

VALLEY MUSEUMS

1. Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum
2. Maidu Interpretive Center
3. Roseville Telephone Museum
4. Rocklin History Museum
5. Griffith Quarry Museum
6. Fruitvale School

AUBURN MUSEUMS

7. Placer County Museum
8. Gold Country Medical History Museum
9. Joss House Museum
10. Bernhard Museum Complex
11. Gold Country Museum
12. The Benton Welty Schoolroom

FOOTHILL MUSEUMS

13. Forest Hill Divide Museum
14. Colfax Area Heritage Museum
15. Golden Drift Museum

MOUNTAIN MUSEUMS

16. Western SkiSport Museum
17. Gatekeeper's Museum
18. Watson Cabin

PRIZE DRAWINGS

DON'T FORGET, YOU HAVE TWO CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES DURING THIS WEEKEND'S MUSEUMS TOUR.

First, make sure to pick up a FREE "Get Up & Go" card at the first museum you visit. After visiting four different museums and getting your card stamped at each, you will be eligible to enter a grand-prize drawing for a deluxe picnic basket.

Second, visitors may enter another drawing for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00 which will be available at every museum. All 18 museums have created a unique gift basket filled to the brim with surprises. Deposit your ticket(s) at your favorite basket to be eligible to win. Winners need not be present at the drawing.

1 ROSEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CARNEGIE MUSEUM

557 Lincoln Street, Roseville • 916-773-3003

www.rosevillehistorical.org

Come see the wide variety of exhibits, including a collection of more than 80 model aircrafts, early-day pharmacy, barber-shop notions and military artifacts. Enjoy a working railroad layout and play an old-fashioned game of marbles.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Atlantic Street-Eureka Road exit. Go west on Atlantic, turn right on Yosemite Street. At Sierra Boulevard, turn left. Go over the crooked bridge. The museum will be on your right.

2 ROSEVILLE TELEPHONE MUSEUM

106 Vernon Street, Roseville • 916-786-1621

www.rosevilletelephonemuseum.org

From magnetos to Mickey Mouse and everything in between, come absorb a little bit of telephone history. Presented by SureWest, this is among the most extensive collection of antique telephones and memorabilia in the nation. It's fun, exciting and educational.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Atlantic Street-Eureka Road exit. Go west on Atlantic, stay straight to go onto Vernon Street. End at 106 Vernon Street. The museum will be on your right.

3 MAIDU INTERPRETIVE CENTER

1960 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville

916-774-5934 • www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum

The Maidu Interpretive Center and Historic Site interprets Maiduan native culture and an 8,000 year old village site listed on the National Register of Historic Places, featuring petroglyphs (rock art) and hundreds of bedrock mortars. Enjoy hands on exhibits, native artwork, gift shop, native storytelling and short guided tours featuring activities for children such as stave games and clap stick songs.

Saturday & Sunday

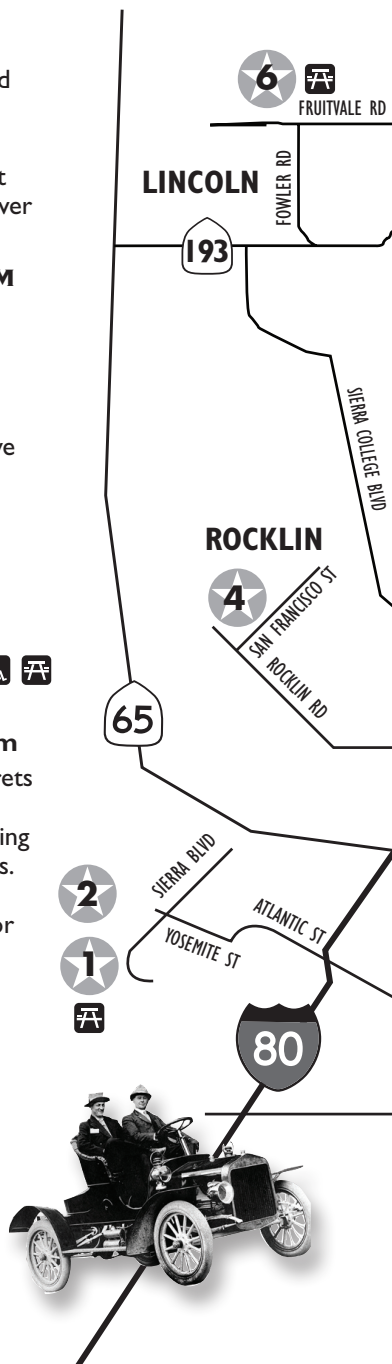
10:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm: Guided Tours of the Museum (30 min.)

10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm: Guided Tours of the Ethnobotany Garden (30 min.)

11:30am, 2:30pm: Native Storytelling (20 min.)

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Douglas East exit. Take Douglas to Rocky Ridge Drive. Turn right on Rocky Ridge, then left onto Johnson Ranch Drive. The center is next to Maidu Elementary School on the road that circles Maidu Regional Park.

VALLEY



MUSEUMS

4 ROCKLIN HISTORY MUSEUM

3895 Rocklin Road, Rocklin

916-624-3464 • www.rocklinhistory.org

Explore Rocklin's history of rock, rails and ranches. Enjoy the Central Pacific Rocklin Roundhouse exhibit. See tools and images from when Rocklin was the "Granite Capitol of the West," and discover the remarkable story of the 27,000-acre Spring Valley Ranch.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Rocklin Road exit. Turn left on Rocklin Road. The museum is at the intersection of Rocklin Road and San Francisco Street., across the street from City Hall.

5 GRIFFITH QUARRY MUSEUM

Taylor and Rock Springs Roads, Penryn

916-663-1837 • www.placer.ca.gov/museum

Step back in time, literally, at the beautiful 23 acre Griffith Quarry Park and Museum this weekend! Come see all of our newly redesigned exhibits highlighting the early history of the granite industry in Placer County.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Penryn exit. Turn left onto Penryn Road, then right on Taylor Road. Follow Taylor to the top of hill, then right on Rock Springs Road.

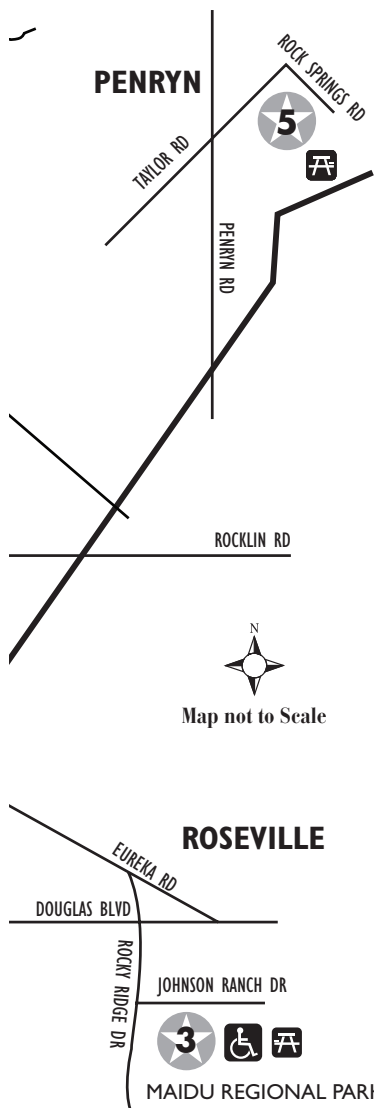
6 FRUITVALE SCHOOL

3425 Fruitvale Road, Lincoln • 916-769-7959

www.oldfruitvaleschool.org

Witness the education that farm children received 100 years ago in a one room schoolhouse in rural Lincoln. You will also learn about farm life and the chores children did including programs demonstrating the care and treatment of farm animals. You can also enjoy baking biscuits, churning butter and a blacksmith demonstration. Bring your picnic basket and enjoy lunch on the grounds.

Directions: From I-80 exit Sierra College Boulevard, go north toward Loomis and Lincoln. Continue on until the road ends at Hwy. 193. Turn right on Hwy. 193. Turn left on Fowler Road and go to the end and turn left on Fruitvale Road. The schoolhouse is on the right and well marked with signs.



7 PLACER COUNTY MUSEUM

101 Maple Street, Auburn • 530-889-6507
theheritagetrail.blogspot.com

This museum is located in the Historic Courthouse in Auburn. It features an overview of county history and the Pate Native American collection. You may meet Alma Bell (incarcerated for killing her boyfriend in 1909) in the Women's Jail. Visitors can become amateur paleontologists or savor an old fashioned root beer float.

Saturday & Sunday:

10am: Walking tours of historic Old Town Auburn (Meet at the Courthouse.)

12-2pm: Latitudes restaurant will sell root beer floats.

8 GOLD COUNTRY MEDICAL HISTORY MUSEUM

219-100 Maple Street, Auburn • 530-320-6265

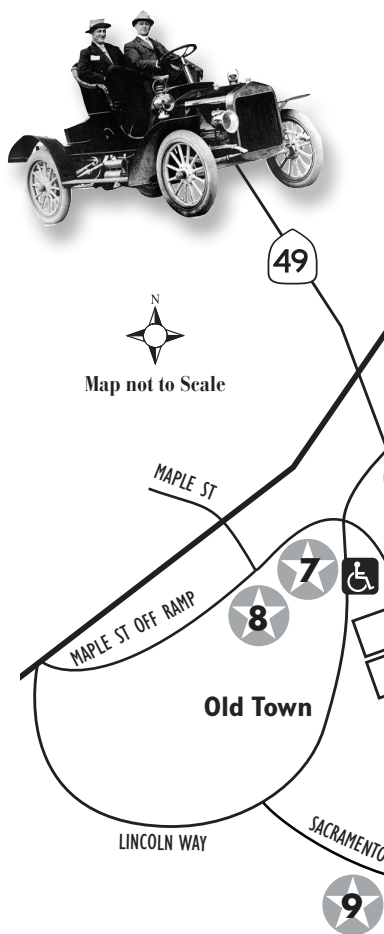
You can participate in demonstrations and hands on use of old medical instruments. Watch a demonstration of electrical shock treatments with a real violet ray instrument. You might even see a leech or two! Enjoy a slide show of medical history over the last 400 years.

9 JOSS HOUSE MUSEUM

200 Sacramento Street, Old Town Auburn
530-305-0079 Saturday • 530-401-4967 Sunday

The Joss House Museum and Chinese History Center is dedicated to preserving the Chinese history of Auburn and Placer County. Inside the historic batten & board building are artifacts and displays that reveal the customs, lifestyle, and culture of the Chinese Community. The museum is home to an altar/shrine, schoolroom, sleeping room and kitchen.

AUBURN



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GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

For all of the Auburn museums except the Benton Welty Schoolroom, take the Maple Street off-ramp from eastbound I-80. Follow the brochure map to locate museums. For the schoolroom, exit at Highway 49 and head south one block to City Hall. The museum is on the second floor of City Hall.

MUSEUMS

10 BERNHARD MUSEUM COMPLEX

291 Auburn Folsom Road, Auburn

530-888-6891 • theheritagetrail.blogspot.com

Built as a Travelers Rest hotel in 1851, this museum will be bustling with activities. Enjoy making 1890s crafts, churning ice cream, historic games such as sack races, touring the museum, and wine tasting. The Native Sons of the Golden West will have their wagon collection on display. Don't miss the temporary camping exhibit in the Winery. This is an ideal location for your picnic.

Saturday & Sunday:

10-3:30pm: Docent tours of the historic house on the half hour.

12-5pm: Wine tasting at Baumbach Wines.

11 GOLD COUNTRY MUSEUM

1273 High Street, Auburn

530-887-0690 • theheritagetrail.blogspot.com

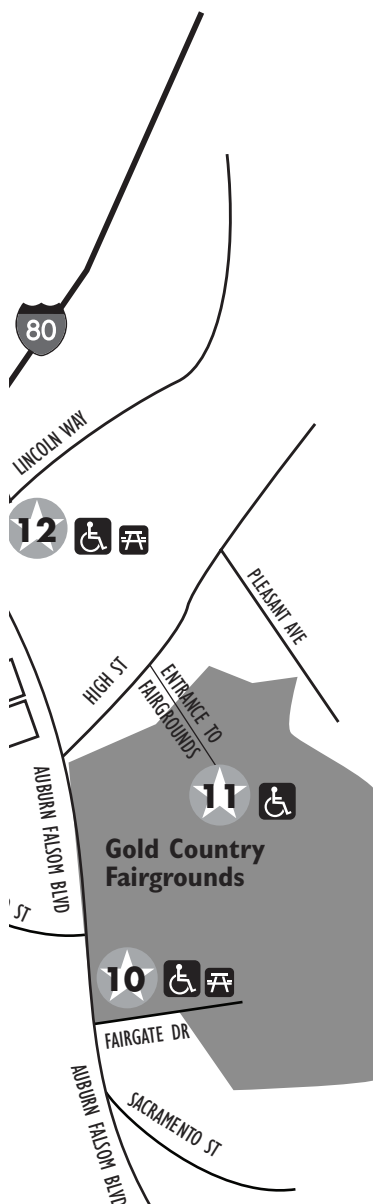
They came for gold! Discover who came and how they traveled. Explore a mining tunnel, pan for gold, and experience the pounding of a stamp mill in action. A private collection of mining tools will be on display.

12 THE BENTON WELTY SCHOOLROOM

Second Floor of Auburn City Hall

1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn • 530-888-7837

Take a rare trip back in time to sit in a desk with an ink well, pick up a lesson plan from the blackboard and learn about old schoolroom manners. Visit or plan to picnic where early day youngsters did in the newly restored School Park Preserve.



13 FOREST HILL DIVIDE MUSEUM

24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill

530-367-3988 • www.placer.ca.gov/museum

www.foresthillhistory.org

Watch the blacksmiths crafting period tools and implements and try your hand at gold panning. Be sure to visit the new fire truck display outside as well as our fascinating gold rush and lumber history displays indoors. Bring your picnic and enjoy the park that surrounds the museum.

Saturday & Sunday

11 am, 2pm: Join a walking tour of this historic community.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Foresthill exit (#121) in Auburn. Head east on the Foresthill Road to Foresthill (17 miles). Turn left at Gold Street and right on Harrison. The museum is on the left next to the historic chapel.

14 COLFAX AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM

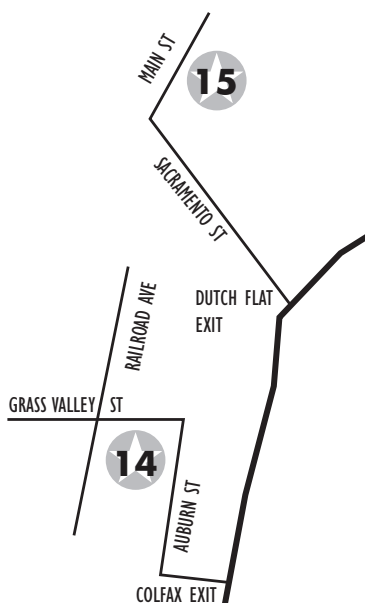
99 Railroad Avenue, Colfax • 530-401-1657

This restored 1905 Central Pacific Passenger Depot now houses a variety of local history collections. On both days there will be demonstrations of acorn processing, music, and a special display of Colfax medical history. Come prepared to take part in a game of “Twenty Questions” and test your knowledge of local history.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Colfax exit and turn right on Auburn Street to Grass Valley Street. The museum is in the refurbished railroad depot near Grass Valley and Main Streets.

FOOTHILL

DUTCH FLAT



COLFAX



AUBURN



MUSEUMS

15 GOLDEN DRIFT MUSEUM

32820 Main Street, Dutch Flat

530-389.2126 • www.placer.ca.gov/museum

A stop in Dutch Flat is like stepping back in time. This museum is dedicated to the history of Gold Run, Dutch Flat, Alta, Towle and Baxter. Displays include a photo gallery, Indian projectile points, fraternal organization memorabilia, Chinese Joss House artifacts, mining history and the building of the Central Pacific Railroad.

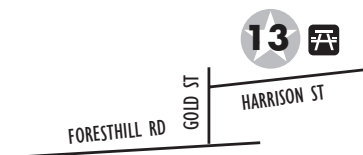
Saturday & Sunday

11 am: Docent led half hour walking tour of historic Dutch Flat.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, take the Dutch Flat Exit. Travel Ridge Road $\frac{1}{3}$ mile and turn left onto Sacramento Street. One mile down, in Dutch Flat, the road turns sharply to right and becomes Main Street. The museum is up two blocks on the right.



Map not to Scale



FORESTHILL

16 WESTERN SKISPORT MUSEUM

Boreal Mountain Resort

19865 Boreal Ridge Road, Soda Springs

530-426-3313, x101

Visit the Ski Museum and immerse yourself in the history of winter sports. Beginning in 1853, gold seekers used skis or “longboards” for travel and recreation. On 14’ “longboards” miners racing five abreast reached speeds of 80 mph. See the mailbag and skis used by John “Snowshoe” Thompson to carry the mail between Genoa and Placerville.

Directions: From eastbound Interstate 80, take the Castle Peak exit. Turn south under the freeway, then right into the Boreal Mountain Resort parking lot.

17 GATEKEEPER’S MUSEUM

130 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City

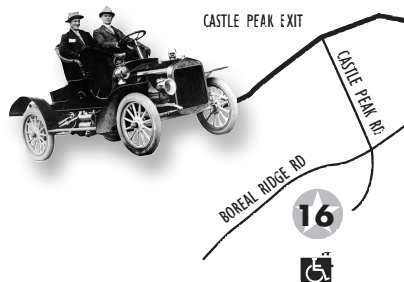
530-583-1762 • www.northtahoemuseums.org

Whether your interest is Native American history, basketry, the westward movement, or the development of the Tahoe basin, our museum has something to appeal to everyone. One of the museum’s highlights is the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Collection which features basketry from 85 tribes representing traditional to contemporary styles.

Sunday

6:30pm: Join us for an Old Time Tahoe Picnic in Layton Park following The Heritage Trail. See the website for details.

Directions: From eastbound I-80, exit at Truckee and take Highway 89 South to Tahoe City. Bear right at “Y” intersection in Tahoe City, staying on Highway 89 South. Cross the Truckee River and the museum is at the first parking lot on the left, adjacent to Bank of the West.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- This is a self guided tour and your participation is voluntary. Please do not hold the Tour Committee, presenters or museum partners responsible for any injury to you, your family, or property.
- You and your family may be photographed during the event and these photos are the property of the Placer County Museums Division.

MUSEUMS

18 WATSON CABIN

560 North Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City

530-583-8717 • www.northtahoemuseums.org

The spirit of our first pioneers is alive and well in Tahoe City this summer! 2009 represents the 100-year anniversary of the completion of the Watson Cabin which has become an icon of Tahoe history. The cabin has a new exhibit on Watson family history and a special textile exhibit.

Saturday

10am: Tahoe City Walking Tour in honor of the Watson Cabin centennial. Meet at the Visitors Center and end at the Gatekeeper's Museum. Participants will receive a 10% discount in the Historical Society's two museum stores.



LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION VAN TOURS

New this year! This guided tour will include narration about the Lincoln Highway with stops along the route. Travel the 1913 alignment of the Lincoln Highway to the original **Donner Summit**. Stop at **Rainbow Bridge** and **McGlashen Point**. See the **Dutch Flat** and **Donner Lake Wagon Road** and the **Transcontinental Railroad**. Museums visited will include the **Gatekeeper's Museum** and **Watson Cabin** in Tahoe City and the **Western SkiSport Museum** in Boreal.

Seating is limited to seven people.

Cost: \$10.00 (Drawing ticket included)

Depart: 9:00 am from **Gold Country Fairgrounds** in Auburn

Picnic lunch at **Gatekeeper's Museum** in Tahoe City.

Return: 4:30 pm to Auburn

Call 530-889-6500 to reserve your seat.

BUS SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for Trail Travelers who choose to join one or both of this weekend's bus tours. Call 530-889-6500 to reserve your seat.

SATURDAY

Discover the Foothills

Cost: \$10.00 (drawing ticket included)

Depart: 9:15 am **Gold Country Fairgrounds**

Arrive: 10:00 am **Golden Drift Museum** in Dutch Flat

Depart: 10:45 am

Arrive: 11:15 am **Colfax Area Heritage Museum**

Depart: 12:00 pm

Arrive: 1:00 am **Forest Hill Divide Museum**

LUNCH STOP

Depart: 2:30 pm

Arrive: 3:15 pm **Griffith Quarry Museum**

Depart: 4:00 pm

Arrive: 4:30 pm **Gold County Fairgrounds**

SUNDAY

Explore the Valley

Cost: \$10.00 (drawing ticket included)

Depart: 9:30 am **Gold Country Fairgrounds**

Arrive: 10:00 am **Rocklin History Museum**

Depart: 10:45 am

Arrive: 11:15 am **Fruitvale School**

LUNCH STOP

Depart: 12:30 pm

Arrive: 1:00 pm **Roseville Telephone Museum**

Depart: 1:45 pm

Arrive: 2:00 pm **Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum**

Depart: 2:45 pm

Arrive: 3:00 pm **Maidu Interpretive Center**

Depart: 4:00 pm

Arrive: 4:30 pm **Gold Country Fairgrounds**

THANKS

We want to thank the many museum officials and volunteers who helped make this event possible.

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